



National Park Service Centennial: Theodore Roosevelt Island
October 22, 2016 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Program of Special Events marking the
158th Birthday Commemoration for Theodore Roosevelt.



10:30 am; 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – Island Safari

A guided walk through some of Theodore Roosevelt Island's wild times--both human and natural. (Approx. one hour, guided walk around the island) Gather at the base of the memorial statue.

11:30 am & 1:30 pm – Teddy Bear Storytime

Join this Storytime presentation with President Theodore Roosevelt and enjoy a short story read by a member of the *Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island*. After the story, tell President Roosevelt what you learned about him and receive a Teddy Bear award. (while supplies last)

Noon – Presentations by President Theodore Roosevelt, portrayed by historian Joe Wiegand, and John Doolittle, NPS Volunteer

A few words about Theodore Roosevelt followed by serving of the birthday cupcakes. Gather at the base of the memorial statue.

On-Going activities 11:00 am – 3:00 pm along the Memorial Plaza

Meet President Theodore Roosevelt

President Theodore Roosevelt is available for photographs, questions and discussions about his inspiring and adventure filled life. He will attend the 11:30 am and 1:30 pm Teddy Bear Storytime programs and award Teddy Bears (while supplies last) to children who listen to his story and let him know what they learned.

Meet A Soldier from the 54th Massachusetts Regiment (Re-enactors)

Members of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment Company B will discuss the role of the 1st U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War and how they trained on the island. Participate in a “training drill.”

Take the Teddy Challenge

Spin the wheel of fitness and challenge yourself as Theodore Roosevelt challenged himself. Although he battled childhood illnesses and asthma, he overcame his health challenges. How do you compare to President Roosevelt? Remember he was a Rough Rider too.

Become a Junior Ranger and Island Scavenger Hunt

Junior Rangers explore, learn about, and protect national parks. You can earn your own Junior Ranger badge by completing the Junior Ranger Booklet. Complete the scavenger hunt and earn a Junior Ranger Sticker

Build a Little Birdhouse

Receive your own little birdhouse kit and build a home for your feathered friends.

Press your Birthday Button

Make a commemorative, collectable Theodore Roosevelt Island Birthday Button.

Make a Mask

Halloween is coming and it is an election year. Maybe you can be President this year. Make a mask of President Theodore Roosevelt you can wear.

Find Your Park and take your photograph with a Bear

Theodore Roosevelt is responsible for the protection of over 230 million acres of land in the U.S. He created 18 national monuments; 5 national parks; 150 national forests; 51 Federal bird reservations and 4 national game reserves. He is also the inspiration of the “Teddy Bear.” Post your photograph at #Findyourpark.

The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island information table The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island serve as the voice and active force for ensuring that the memorial plaza, trail system and woodland landscape remain a fitting tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt’s conservation legacy. Meet “Friends”, learn more.